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In re the application of: Hermann Bujard et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 5) dated September 27, 1999. A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 6, under the heading "Related Applications", please delete the current entries and replace with:

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